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August 1, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Poff property addition to Sonoma Coast State Park

Dear Chair Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's funding request to assist with the acquisition of the Poff property as an addition to the Willow Creek area of Sonoma Coast State Park.

Located off Highway 1, the 1235-acre Poff property, is the largest privately owned land holding on the Sonoma Coast between Bodega Bay and the Russian River. Publicly owned or protected lands bordering the Poff property include the Red Hill addition to the Sonoma Coast State Park, the Sonoma Coast State Park and the Willow Creek conservation easement to the north, and a portion of the Colliss conservation easement to the south.

The acquisition of the Poff property represents a unique opportunity to connect portions of the Sonoma Coast State Park, the Willow Creek and the Red Hill additions. The Poff property would significantly expand the Sonoma Coast State Park and protect the scenic Highway 1 coastal viewshed, preserve, enhance and connect coastal grasslands, forests and woodlands that provide important wildlife habitat and linkages between the surrounding protected lands.

The protection of lands along California's scenic Sonoma Coast provides public recreational opportunities and has long been a priority for the District and its partners. Over the past 10 years the District has invested over \$18 million and worked with numerous partners to protect over 7,500 acres of land in this coastal area through acquisition and conservation easements. The California Coastal Conservancy has been an important partner on many of these projects. Acquisition of the Poff property furthers several objectives and policies of the District's long-range acquisition plan, *Connecting Communities and the Land*, and the Conservancy's goal to develop networks of inland trails (associated with the Coastal Trail) that connect to the coast.

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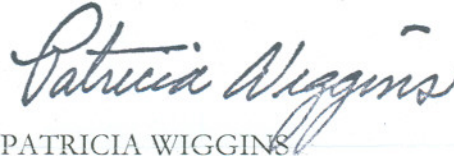
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In closing, I strongly support the preservation efforts of the District and the Conservancy in the Coastal area of Sonoma County. The addition of the Poff property to the Sonoma Coast State Park will not only enhance visitors' experiences with spectacular coastal views, but also the opportunity to interpret the area's rich history. Please give serious consideration to this grant proposal.

Sincerely,



PATRICIA WIGGINS
Senator, 2nd District

C: Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy
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August 9, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Poff property addition to Sonoma Coast State Park

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As a member of the Coastal Conservancy Oversight Committee, I am writing to express my support of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's request for up to \$750,000 to assist with the acquisition of the Poff property.

The 1235-acre Poff property, located off of Highway 1 on Wright Hill Road, is the largest privately owned land holding on the Sonoma Coast between Bodega Bay and the Russian River. Acquisition of the Poff property represents a unique opportunity to connect portions of the Sonoma Coast State Park, the Willow Creek and the Red Hill additions.

Over the past 10 years the District has invested over \$18 million and worked with numerous partners to protect over 7,500 acres of land in this coastal area through acquisition and conservation easements, including the Red Hill and Willow Creek Park additions, Colliss and Rigler properties, and Carrington Ranch, soon to be added to the Park.

I strongly support the preservation efforts of the Sonoma County Agricultural & Open Space District and the Conservancy in the Coastal area of Sonoma County. The addition of the Poff property to the Sonoma Coast State Park will enhance visitors' experiences with spectacular coastal views, as well as enhance the opportunity to interpret the area's rich history.

I fully support this application and urge the Conservancy to approve this grant proposal.

Respectfully,

PATTY BERG
Assemblywoman, 1st District

cc: Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy
Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager, SCAPOSD
Misti Arias, Interim Conservation Program Manager, SCAPOSD

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Russian River District
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July 25, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my support of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's (SCAPOSD) request for up to \$750,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy to assist with the acquisition of the Poff property as an addition to Sonoma Coast State Park.

The 1235-acre Poff property, located off of Highway 1 on Wright Hill Road, is the largest privately owned land holding on the Sonoma Coast between Bodega Bay and the Russian River. Publicly owned or protected lands bordering the Poff property include Red Hill and Willow Creek both portions of Sonoma Coast State Park, as well as conservation easements to the north and a portion of the Colliss conservation easement to the south.

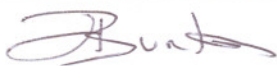
Acquisition of the Poff property represents a unique opportunity to connect portions of Sonoma Coast State Park, Willow Creek and Red Hill. This acquisition will further enhance the Russian River District's ability to protect the upper reaches of the Willow Creek watershed, which is extremely important in our effort to eliminate the sediment loading which is occurring in the lower reaches of the valley. This acquisition will also significantly expand Sonoma Coast State Park to enhance the experience and appreciation by its numerous visitors, protect the scenic Highway 1 view shed, preserve, enhance and connect coastal grasslands, forests and woodlands that provide important wildlife habitat linkages between surrounding protected lands and provide eventual connections to local regional trails, including the California Coastal Trail and the Coleman Valley Trail.

Protection of lands along the scenic Sonoma Coast that provide public recreational opportunities has long been a priority for the SCAPOSD and its partners; which the Russian River District is proud to be a part. Over the past 10 years the SCAPOSD has invested over \$18 million and worked with numerous partners to protect over 7,500 acres of land in this coastal area through acquisition and conservation easement, including the Red Hill and Willow Creek acquisitions, Colliss and Rigler properties and the Carrington Ranch, soon to be added to Sonoma Coast State Park. The California Coastal Conservancy has been an important partner on many of these projects.

Acquisition of the Poff property furthers several objectives and policies of the SCAPOSD and its long-range acquisition plan, *Connecting Communities and the Land*, and the Conservancy's goal to develop networks of inland trails (associated with the Coastal Trail) that connect to the coast and provide parks and other recreational opportunities.

The Russian River District strongly supports the preservation efforts of the SCAPOSD and the Conservancy in the Coastal area of Sonoma County. The addition of the Poff property to Sonoma Coast State Park will not only enhance our visitors' experiences with spectacular coastal views, but also with the opportunity to interpret the area's rich natural and cultural history. Please give serious consideration to this grant proposal and continue the Conservancy's participation in the ongoing efforts of allied governmental agencies and private organizations in supporting additional recreational opportunities along the spectacular Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Burko, Superintendent
Russian River District

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CC: Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy
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July 25, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
 California Coastal Conservancy
 1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
 Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Poff Property Addition to Sonoma Coast State Park

Dear Chairman Bosco and Conservancy Directors:

I am writing to express my support of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's request for up to \$750,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy to assist with the acquisition of the Poff property as an addition to the Willow Creek area of Sonoma Coast State Park.

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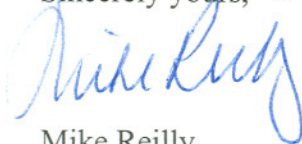
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July 25, 2007
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I strongly support the preservation efforts of the District and the Conservancy in the Coastal area of Sonoma County. The addition of the Poff property to the Sonoma Coast State Park will not only enhance visitors' experiences with spectacular coastal views, but also with the opportunity to interpret the area's rich history. Please give serious consideration to this grant proposal and continue the Conservancy's participation in the ongoing efforts of several government agencies and private organizations in supporting additional recreational opportunities along the spectacular Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely yours,



Mike Reilly
Fifth District Supervisor

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cc: Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Ms Arias,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Coastwalk, I write to support the acquisition of the Poff property on the Sonoma County coast. This property is a key piece connecting several State parks units and would make a fine addition to our parks system. The parcel is also important to the possible completion of a ridge top Coastal Trail segment connection Bodega Bay to Willow Creek and the Russian River area.

Sincerely,

Emily DeFalla
Interim Executive Director

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Re: Poff property addition to Sonoma Coast State Park

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express LandPaths' support of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's request for up to \$750,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy to assist with the acquisition of the Poff property as an addition to the Willow Creek area of Sonoma Coast State Park.

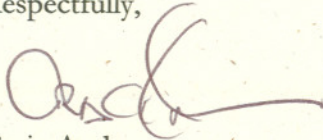
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LandPaths strongly supports the preservation efforts of the District and the Conservancy in the Coastal area of Sonoma County. The addition of the Poff property to the Sonoma Coast State Park will not only enhance visitors' experiences with spectacular coastal views, but also with the opportunity to interpret the area's rich history. Please give serious consideration to this grant proposal and continue the Conservancy's participation in the ongoing efforts of several government agencies and private organizations in supporting additional recreational opportunities along the spectacular Sonoma Coast.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Craig Anderson", with a stylized, flowing script.

Craig Anderson
Executive Director
LandPaths

C: Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy
Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager, SCAPOSD



Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Restoration

Russian River District State Parks

July 20, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Poff property addition to Sonoma Coast State Park

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, I am writing to express my support of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's request for up to \$750,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy to assist with the acquisition of the Poff property as an addition to the Willow Creek area of Sonoma Coast State Park.

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Please give serious consideration to this grant proposal and continue the Conservancy's participation in the ongoing efforts of several government agencies and private organizations in supporting additional recreational opportunities along the spectacular Sonoma Coast.

Respectfully,



Michele Luna
Executive Director

C: Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, California Coastal Conservancy
Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager, SCAPOSD